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**Maryland woman pleads guilty to stealing \$176,000
from her former employer**

--woman admitted to embezzling money from Association--

WASHINGTON - A Maryland woman, Wendy Mansfield, has pleaded guilty to stealing \$176,061 from her former employer, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, from 2004 to 2008, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced today.

Mansfield, 47, of Bowie, Maryland, entered her guilty plea earlier today before U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly to the charge of Wire Fraud. Sentencing is scheduled for August 11, 2009. Moore faces a possible sentence under the guidelines of 21 - 27 months of incarceration.

According to the statement of offense signed by the defendant, from 1999 to 2008, the defendant worked at the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies ("Association"), first as an accountant and later as the Chief Financial Officer. The Association is located in the District of Columbia. Through her duties and position, Mansfield had control over the Association's books, finances, and bank records. Mansfield, along with others at the Association, maintained an Association credit card to be used for official business and travel. It was the policy of the Association that employees were to use the Association credit card only for business related travel and not for personal reasons. The credit card was issued by Bank of America, located in Wilmington, Delaware.

Between July 2004 and July 2008, Mansfield used the Association credit card for a total of about \$184,629; of that amount, only \$4,611 was legitimate business expense, while the remaining \$180,018 was her own personal expenditures. The Association paid \$176,061 of the credit card bill from its funds and was never reimbursed by Mansfield.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Taylor commended Criminal Investigator Diane Eickman, Legal Assistant Jamasee Lucas, Paralegal Specialist Diane Hayes, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Virginia Cheatham, who is prosecuting the case.

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